

November Week 1

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CRAFT WEEK 1

Story in the Stalks

SUPPLIES: Story page, Story stickers (set of 4), crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a story page and encourage them to color the stalks of grain.**

- *"Friends, come join me at the table and let's make some story art to help us remember we can thank God for everything! On your paper are stalks of grain. Use the crayons to color the stalk and the grain. We're going to cover up the circles in a minute, so leave them blank."*

⇒ **Give each child a set of story stickers and encourage them to place them in the circles in order.**

- *"Look at this circle. (Point to the first circle.) It has one dot in it. Put this sticker of Naomi in it. (Pause.) Naomi was sad because her husband and sons had died, and she was all alone."*
- *"This next circle has two dots in it. (Point to the second circle.) That's where the sticker of Naomi and Ruth goes. (Pause.) Naomi decided to go back to the town where she grew up and Ruth went with her. Ruth said, 'I'm your family, Naomi! Wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you live, I will live' (Ruth 1:16). Naomi was so happy that she and Ruth were family, and she had someone to walk with her. Ruth and Naomi took care of each other."*
- *"This circle here has three dots on it. (Point.) That's where the sticker of Ruth picking grain goes. (Pause.) Ruth and Naomi were hungry so Ruth found a field nearby and picked some grain for them to eat."*
- *"This field belonged to a man named Boaz. And Naomi was part of his family! Boaz decided to take care of Ruth and Naomi and made sure they had plenty of food to eat! This sticker goes in the very last circle. (Pause.) Great job!"*

⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**

- *"God gave Naomi family to help her. Then God sent more family to help. Thank You, God! God gives us people to call family too. All families can take care of each other. Thank You, God, for giving us family! Thank You, God for everything."*
- ***"Who can thank God for everything?"***
- ***"I can thank God for everything!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Go With Me

SUPPLIES: Floor tape

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Place small pieces of tape on the floor around the room and encourage the children to stand on one.**
 - *“Friends! Chugga-chugga, choo-choo, it’s great to see you! There are little pieces of tape on the floor around our activity area. Please find a piece of tape to stand on. One friend for each piece of tape.”*
- ⇒ **Move around the room like a train and stop at each child to add them to the train. Continue until all children have joined the train. Repeat as interest allows.**
 - *“We’re going to play the train game! I’m the engine, and I need to add all the train cars—that’s you! I’ll move around, and when I stop at your tape, I want you to join the train. Then we’ll go add another friend until we’ve added all our friends to our train! Are you ready? Chugga-chugga, choochoo, here I come! Who will go with me? (Stop at a child.) [Child’s name], will you go with me? Great! Hold on to my hand, and let’s chugga-chugga to another friend! [Child’s name], will you go with us? Great! Hold on to [Child’s name’s shoulders and chugga-chugga! Here we go! (Continue until all children have been added.) All right friends, it’s time for our train to pull into the station. Everyone, have a seat right where you are.”*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“That was so much fun, pretending to be a train and chugga-chugging all around the room. Thank you for going with me on our journey! In today’s true story from the Bible, we learned about a woman named Naomi. Naomi decided to go back to the town where she grew up and Ruth went with her. Ruth was married to Naomi’s son, and she said, “I’m your family, Naomi! Wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you live, I will live.” (Ruth 1:16) Naomi was so happy that she and Ruth were family, and she had someone to walk with her. God gives us people to call family and all families can take care of each other. Thank You, God, for giving us family and friends who are life family! Thank You, God, for everything*
 - ***Who can thank God for everything?***
 - ***I can thank God for everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: CD Player, EC Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
 - *“Friends, one of the ways that we can thank God is by worshipping God. Worship is when we tell God ‘You’re good!’ We can sing, pray, or... we can dance! So today we’re going to worship by playing freeze dance and dancing to tell God thanks! I am going to turn on a song and when you hear the music, I want you to DANCE! When the music stops, everyone FREEZE! Let’s practice freezing right now. FREEZE!*
 - *Great job! Are you ready to play? Let’s go!”*
- ⇒ **Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.**
 - *“FREEZE!*
 - *“Who can thank God for everything?*
 - *“I can thank God for everything!*
 - *Let’s dance!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun!*
 - *“Who can thank God for everything?*
 - *“I can thank God for everything!”*

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Reward Stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!”*
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *“First, let’s say it once together. **“I will give thanks** (move flat hand forward from chin) **to the LORD** (Point up) **with my whole heart,**’ (Tap heart twice) **Psalm 111:1.** (Open hands like a book.) Now let’s try it...*
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who can thank God for everything?***
 - ***I can thank God for everything!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY NOVEMBER WEEK 1

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *The Beginner's Bible* p 152 "Ruth and Naomi"

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- ***Who can thank God for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!***

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart."**
Psalm 111:1

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "Since one of the many things we can thank God for is family, we are going to make a list of people we call family. When I say your name, tell me **one person you call family**.

- *Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*

⇒ Let's use our list when we pray...

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *"Dear God, Thank You for stories in the Bible that teach us about You and how we can thank You for everything. Today, we want to thank You for family. Thank You for [Child's name]'s [Name of the person they listed]. Thank You for... (Say this with each child's name and what they listed). Please help us give thanks to You with our whole heart every day. We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."*